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FACTS and STATS

Port Metro Vancouver has handled:

- 1,969,257 TEU to November 30 (down 15% YTD)
- 2,169,593 metric tonnes of lumber to October 31 (up 4.8% YTD)

Visit our website for detailed statistics on all sectors.

IN THE NEWS

Deltaport Third Berth project receives formal approval for operation: On December 1, the [British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office \(BCEAO\)](#) confirmed that the Deltaport Third Berth Project is in compliance with the Provincial Environmental Assessment Certificate and may commence operation as of December 1, 2009. The [Deltaport Third Berth](#) is nearing completion and is scheduled to formally open in January 2010.

View of Deltaport Third Berth featuring TSI's three new 80LT quad-lift quay cranes.



Leading Generational Change: On Friday, December 4, Port Metro Vancouver President and CEO Robin Silvester addressed the [Vancouver Board of Trade](#) to discuss the Port's choice to pursue growth in the current context of economic contraction. [Read Robin's complete address.](#)

Port relocates employees to Vancouver: Following a customer review of service delivery to tenants utilizing the Port's New Westminster office, all Port Metro Vancouver employees have been relocated to the Canada Place office in Vancouver since December 15. The move enables employees to work together more effectively by reducing the need for travel between sites, and also allows the Port to better facilitate the sub-lease of its Agnes Street office, much of which has remained vacant following the [amalgamation of the three Lower Mainland Port Authorities in 2008](#). Port Metro Vancouver remains committed to providing superior customer service to all tenants and to supporting communities along the Fraser River. [Read more.](#)

Port fees in effect January 1: To access the complete Port Metro Vancouver 2010 Fee Document, [click here.](#)





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SUPPLY CHAIN INITIATIVES

Winter Planning Update: Over the past two months, Port Metro Vancouver has collaborated with key personnel from the terminals and railways to develop a [Gateway Intermodal Integrated Winter Plan](#) for the coming winter season. The objective of this integrated plan is to focus on Import rail activity within the Gateway and the approach to be taken for dealing with predictable events, recovery plans for dealing with unpredictable events, communication, and an escalation process in the event issues are not dealt with in a timely manner. The Gateway Intermodal Integrated Winter Plan is now complete and [available on the PMV website](#). Along with the Winter Plan, you will also find the [Holiday work schedule](#) for the major Bulk and Intermodal terminals operating within the Gateway.

We invite your comments, concerns and suggestions on how to improve the winter planning process. Look for regular updates on 2009/2010 Winter Planning in upcoming Port eNewsletters.

PROJECT UPDATES

Deltaport Third Berth (DP3) update: The Deltaport Third Berth is set to open in January 2010. The Port and its terminal operator, [TSI Terminal Systems Inc.](#), are completing the finishing touches on the terminal. Learn more about the [Deltaport container terminal](#).

2010 Winter Games Planning | South Shore operations: Port Metro Vancouver continues to address your questions and concerns around the upcoming Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. New information is available on South Shore container terminal operations effected by Games-related activities, including hours of operation and night gates, additional staging and traffic considerations. Visit our website at portmetrovancover.com/2010 for more information. Or, to subscribe to our new RSS feed to receive 2010 updates right to your mailbox, [click here](#).

2010 Winter Games Planning | information session: A stakeholder information session is planned for early January, the third and final session in our series of 2010 Winter Games Planning sessions for port users, customers and stakeholders. The session will focus on port-related issues such as access controls, cargo restrictions and traffic considerations. Contact us at 2010info@portmetrovancover.com to learn more about this session.

TRADE AND BUSINESS

Customer Service Profile, Decision Support Services:

Port Metro Vancouver is pleased to introduce the [Decision Support Services](#) 8-member team (DSS) responsible for Port Metro Vancouver's statistics collection and reporting. In collaboration with internal and external customers, DSS collects, interprets, and verifies data of cargo, passenger, and equipment movements through the Port. The team develops and delivers PMV's statistical reports to internal departments and various Port customers. The team is integral to the Port's customer service and business intelligence activities. In addition, DSS continuously identifies and implements initiatives to improve reporting intelligence and ensure the completeness, accuracy, confidentiality and timeliness of the Port's data and reports. Please email [Decision Support](#) with your statistical inquiries.



The Decision Support Services Team includes (clockwise from back left): Alex, Kirk, Cole, Marilyn, Xinna, Jean, Sonya and Kim.



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Chevron Canada's fuel barge nearing completion: Chevron Canada's new barge, the "Chevron Legacy," is nearing completion at [Alaska Ship and Dry Dock shipyard](#). The new double-hull vessel replaces Chevron's [Coal Harbour Marine](#) "Barge 5" built in 1959. Plans are underway to have the finished vessel towed to Vancouver in December. Timing for the barge delivery and the period following will be critical. Once in Vancouver, the "Chevron Legacy" will be tied to "Barge 5" at the existing site. Commissioning and de-commissioning work will take 2-to-3 weeks. Once complete, "Barge 5" will be removed. Learn more about [Chevron in Canada](#).



Focus on Business: Final Pacificat sails for Middle East. On November 23, a semi-submersible, heavy transport vessel, the [M.V. Swift](#), set sail from Port Metro Vancouver for the United Arab Emirates, carrying the final of three Pacificat ferries sold to a company in Abu Dhabi. Vancouver-based [CTL Westrans Shipbrokers \(CTL\)](#) brokered the sale and transport contracts for the three Pacificat ferries, which were sold by [Washington Marine Group](#). The [M.V. Swift](#) departed the Port with the [Pacificat Voyager](#) on August 22 and the [M.V. Teal](#) took the [Pacificat Discovery](#) in October. The [M.V. Swift](#) returned to Vancouver to transport the [Pacificat Explorer](#). The journey takes about 35 days to complete. "This marks the end of a long project for CTL and we are

very pleased with how smoothly all operations went on all three shipments," said [CTL Westrans](#) shipbroker, Richard Peters. The loading operation on November 19 required cooperation between [Dockwise](#) crew, [Seaspan](#) tug crews, [All-Sea Enterprises](#) divers and [Abu Dhabi Mar](#) representatives on the ferry itself. With the assistance of three tugs and the receiving vessel's lines boats and winches, the [Pacificat Explorer](#) was carefully positioned over the [M.V. Swift's](#) submerged deck, with a snug five meters clearance to spare, and then raised by de-ballasting. The complete operation took one week: three days for deck preparation, one day for loading, and three days for final securing for sea.



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Chinese import regulations on canola: On November 15, new Chinese import regulations went into effect requiring canola shipments to be declared free of blackleg, a fungal canker found in some Canadian canola. The Chinese government reports its purpose is to protect domestic canola crops from the fungus. Protocols for testing canola to determine blackleg status have been contentious for Canadian shippers, exposing them to potential additional shipping costs as cargo deemed to contain blackleg may be diverted to designated terminals, sometimes hundreds of kilometers away from its original destination. As a result, Canadian shipments of canola to China have ceased as of November 15. Year-to-date 2009 statistics report bulk canola shipments were on track to record nearly 5.5 million tonnes shipped, representing almost half the total bulk grain exported from Port Metro Vancouver, with 2.7 million tonnes destined for China alone. Industry and government representatives continue to negotiate with Chinese officials in hopes of reaching a settlement and the continuation of canola exports to China.



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Year in review: Port Metro Vancouver worked with customers, commercial stakeholders and governments to deliver value to customers and communities in 2009. **Tell us** about your most satisfying collaborative achievement and we'll feature a selection in the January edition of the eNewsletter.

CP Holiday Train benefits local food banks: The **Canadian Pacific Holiday Train** hit the rails again this November, visiting more than 130 communities in eight states and six provinces. In the last decade, the Holiday Train has helped to raise \$4 million and 2 million pounds of food for local food banks. Entertainers on this year's train include the **Odds**, an alternative rock band, and Shaun Verrault of the Canadian blues-rock trio **Wide Mouth Mason**. Friday, December 18 marks the Holiday Train's final day, as it stops in Agassiz, Maple Ridge and Port Moody. **Visit CP's website for times and locations.** Bring a cash or food donation to the Holiday Train events and help feed the needy.



Happy Holidays! Port Metro Vancouver thanks all its customers and commercial users for their continued support of the Vancouver Gateway, and offers best wishes for a safe holiday season and a productive new year.



This week at Canada's Largest Port: The **Carol Ships Parade of Lights Society** began more than 49 years ago with one boat decorated with Christmas lights in Coal Harbour. This unique local holiday tradition has grown to more than 50 decorated boats on peak evenings featuring in excess of 100,000 lights and carrying more than 30,000 people during the 20-night festival. Along with many community-based shore side celebrations, more than 200,000 people enjoyed the parade in 2008. This year the parade runs from December 4 to 23. **Fairweather Cruises & Events** are the official reservation agents for the Carol Ships Parade of Lights Society and bookings can be made by telephone 604-439-4960 or by **email**.

QUICK LINKS:

- View the **Container Services Berth Window Schedule**, last updated November 5.
- Download the Port's **2010 Olympic Winter Games Handbook** at portmetrovancover.com/2010.
- Access the Port's **eNewsletter archive**.
- Stay up-to-date with the **Port's latest projects**.
- Email **Customer Service** for Trade or Business Development inquiries, or visit the **Opportunities** section of our website for answers to frequently asked questions.

About this Newsletter: Port Metro Vancouver distributes a regular newsletter to commercial users to provide updates, inform port users and promote accountability. To make suggestions or offer feedback, please email us at newsletter@portmetrovancover.com. This issue was distributed on December 18, 2009.